

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention provides a control apparatus for starting application software on a computer, which can consolidate a variety of application interfaces and address a user's needs.

5      The control apparatus includes an application start portion for starting one or more specified applications, an application registration portion for registering information relating to started applications as one group, an application start 10 information storage portion for storing information for starting a registered application, and an application group start portion for searching the application start information storage portion based on an entered symbol and starting one or more corresponding applications. Usually, applications are started and terminated 15 through an operating system, but with the present invention, they are started and terminated through a control window.

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